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SUBJECT: GOE STATES 1949 GENEVA CONVENTION ON POWS WILL NOT
APPLY TO MERCENARIES

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT BY GOE SPOKESMAN
AHMED ANIS:

"THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT WILL
CONSIDER FOREIGN VOLUNTEERS IN THE ENEMY RANKS AS MERCENARIES
AND WILL TREAT THEM ACCORDINGLY, MR. AHMED ANIS, THE
OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN, SAID LAST NIGHT.

"THESE VOLUNTEERS WILL NOT BENEFIT FROM THE PRO-
TECTION PRESCRIBED FOR THE SUBJECTS OF COMBATANT COUNTRIES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1949 GENEVA CONVENTIONS ON PRISONERS
OF WAR, HE SAID.

"THE ACTING MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS ALREADY
BEGUN SUMMONING FOREIGN DIPLOMATS TO THE MINISTRY TO IN-
FORM THEM OF THIS.

"IN HIS STATEMENT, MR. ANIS SAID THAT THE EGYPTIAN
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GOVERNMENT IS ABIDING BY THE PROVISIONS OF INTERANTIONAL

LAW ORGANISING THE RELATIONS BETWEEN COMBATANTS AND THE 1949 GENEVA CONVENTIONS.

"EGYPT ESTABLISHED ITS COMMITMENT TO INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS WHEN IT LET THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVE ATTEND THE SURRENDER OF ENEMY TROOPS ON OCTOBER 13, HE ADDED.

"HE SAID THAT SINCE IT HAS BEEN PROVED BEYOND ANY DOUBT THAT THE ISRAELI ENEMY SUMMONS THE SUBJECTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH ARE NOT PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT TO USE THEM IN MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST THE ARABS AND SINCE IT HAS ALSO BEEN PROVED THAT CERTAIN GOVERNMENTS ALLOW THEIR CITIZENS TO TAKE PART IN THE FIGHT AND THAT OTHERS OFFER ALL FACILITIES TO HELP THEM GET TO ISRAEL. IT FOLLOWS THAT:

"1 - THESE FOREIGN VOLUNTEERS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE PROTECTION GIVEN TO THE SUBJECT OF BELLIGERENT NATIONS UNDER THE GENEVA CONVENTION.

"2 - THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT WILL CONSIDER THESE FOREIGN VOLUNTEERS IN THE ENEMY RANKS AS MERCENARIES AND WILL TREAT THEM AS SUCH.

"EGYPT THEREFORE URGES GOVERNMENTS THAT ALLOW THEIR SUBJECTS TO JOIN THE ENEMY RANKS AS VOLUNTEERS, OR OFFER THOSE VOLUNTEERS TRANSPORT FACILITIES, TO TAKE THE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO STOP THEM. OTHERWISE THOSE GOVERNMENTS MUST TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR CITIZENS BEING CONSIDERED PROFESSIONAL PAID MERCENARIES, FORFEITING ANY PROTECTION GIVEN TO WAR PRISONERS UNDER THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS."

2. PARALLEL STORY IN AHRAH SUGGESTS THIS IS SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED AGAINST THE AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO MIGHT FOR ANY REASON SERVE WITH IDF IN PRESENT HOSTILITIES, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE RECEIVED NO OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF THIS. ANNOUNCEMENT APPARENTLY MEANS THAT GOE WILL NOT TAKE PRISONERS THOSE WHOM IT CONSIDERS TO BE MERCENARIES.
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